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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: WHO, KS, KN, YE

SUBJ: 26 TH WHA: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO
MEMBERSHIP

REF: STATE 65086; STATE 66738; STATE 74828

1. IN ACCORDANCE DEPT' S INSTRUCTIONS (REFTELS),
DCM RAISED SUBJECT NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO
MEMBERSHIP AT 26 TH WHA WITH FONMIN UNDERSECY KHODR
APRIL 15. HE EXPLAINED US POSITION THAT RAISING OF
CONTENTIOUS ISSUE OF WHO MEMBERSHIP COULD JEOPARDIZE
CHANCES FOR PROGRESS IN NORTH- SOUTH TALKS. TWO SIDES,
PARTICULARLY AT DELICATE INITIAL STAGE, SHOULD BE
LEFT ALONE TO WORK OUT PROBLEMS TOGETHER. CHANGAIIN
INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF TWO SIDES BY ACTION OF OUT-
SIDE PARTIES COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. (IN SOMEWHAT
SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES YAR HAD REFRAINED FROM ANY
ACTION WITH REGARD TO EAST GERMANY UNTIL BONN AND EAST
BERLIN HAD CONCLUDED BASIC TREATY) FURTHERMORE ACTION
BY WHA INAPPROPRIATE SINCE MEMBERSHIP IS ESSENTIALLY
POLITICAL MATTER WHICH SHOULD FIRST BE TREATED IN
MAJOR UN POLITICAL FORUM.

2. ACCORDINGLY, DCM NOTED, USG SUPPORTS ROK EFFORT TO
POSTPONE COONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION TO WHA AND IS
PREPARED TO CO- SPONSOR DRAFT RESOLUTION. USG BELIEVES
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YAR COULD MAKE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION BY VOTING FOR
POSTPONEMENT AT 26 TH WHA.

3. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, DCM REVIEWED YAR VOTING
RECORD ON KOREAN QUESTIONS (USUN 1081) AND OBSERVED
THAT THIS RECORD DID NOT SEEM TO HIM TO CORRESPOND
TO WHAT HE UNDERSTOOD TO BE YARG' S OWN
POLICY OF NON- ALIGNMENT. IN PARTICULAR HE NOTED YAR
HAD SUPPORTED NORTH KOREA IN 1970 UNGA AND HAD CO-
SPONSORED PRO- NORTH INITIATIVE IN 1972.

4. KHODR MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT, BUT PROMISED
TO CONVEY DEMARCHE TO HIS GOVT. WE HAVE ALSO SENT
HIM AID MEMOIRE COVERING ABOVE POINTS.
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